concerned. State Governments and various Central Government Departments have been requested that ration cards should not be used as documents for establishing identity or proof of residence. Other valid documents like voters identity cards, passport, identity cards issued by Income Tax authorities can be considered for verifying the identity of persons.

Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee on quality norms of Foodgrains

4151. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee has recommended that quality norms of grains should be adhered to and not relaxed at the request of grains producing States; and

(b) if so, the policy decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The High Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen in its interim report has recommended that the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms be strictly adhere o. If any State Government requests for relaxation of quality norms, this should >e invariable accompanied by an appropriate price reduction, besides exemption rom statutory State levies.

(b) The final report of Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee is awaited. A final iew will be taken thereafter.

Cost of wheat storage in States

4152. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Mini r of CONSUMER MRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION to. pleased to state:

' the storage cost of wheat per tonne in Punjab.I! ana and the cities ai and Kolkata, separately;

b) whether the storage charges are paid uniformly by Government to all ncies all over the country; and

(c) whether this cost is less than the cost of storage broke by FCI itself in iab, Haryana, Mumbai and Kolkata ?